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TAGS: MASS, KS

SUBJECT: F5ES FOR KOREA

REF: (A) STATE 092287 MAY 3, 1974; (B) SEOUL 2897;

(C) STATE 092820

1. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL, ARRANGEMENT WAS WORKED OUT LAST YEAR (REF A) IN WHICH ROK WAS TO RECEIVE 21 NEW F5E'S FROM PRODUCTION FOR VNAF AND 21 ROK EARMARKED F5ES WHICH WENT TO ROC WERE TO BE SUPPLIED TO VNAF AFTER REHABILITATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, CONGRESS REFUSED TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL F5ES FOR VIET-NAM AND USAF WAS OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT ALREADY CONTRACTED F5ES SCHEDULED FOR VIET NAM. THIS DONE IN SUMMER OF 1974 AND APPARENTLY IMPACT ON ARRANGEMENTS REF A PREVIOUSLY REACHED FOR RESCHEDULING KOREAN F5ES NOT RECOGNIZED AT THE TIME.

2. WE ATTEMPTED WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT WITH DOD WHEREBY REHABILITATED F5ES WOULD BE SOLD TO THIRD COUNTRY AGAINST REPLACEMENT FOR KOREA OF 21 NEW PLANES FROM PRODUCTION

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FOR USAF. HOWEVER, THIS MET WITH DIFFICULTIES OUTLINED

REF C. IT NOW APPEARS THAT WHILE THERE WAS ROOM FOR  
MANEUVER BETWEEN ROK MAP AND DAV ACCOUNTS, SUCH IS NOT  
THE CASE BETWEEN ROK MAP AND USAF ACCOUNTS. WE SEE

SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE NEW USAF  
F5ES (WHICH COST APPROXIMATELY \$700,000 MORE EACH THAN  
FY 73/74 ROK MAP FUNDED PLANES) TO ROKG IN EXCHANGE  
FOR REHABILITATED F5ES, WHETHER SOLD TO THIRD COUNTRY  
OR ACCEPTED INTO USAF INVENTORY.

3. BECAUSE PLANES NOW IN ROC ARE DUE TO BE RETURNED  
TO US CONTROL, WE NEED TO MOVE ON THE DISPOSITION OF  
THESE AIRCRAFT. THEREFORE WE HAVE DECIDED TO DELIVER  
21 F5ES FROM TAIWAN TO KOREA BEGINNING IN JULY AT THE  
RATE OF 2 OR 3 PER MONTH. THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE RE-  
CONDITIONED TO "LIKE NEW" BY ROC (IN FACT, SEVERAL  
HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN DELIVERED TO ROC AND THE  
REMAINDER ARE CONSIDERED BY DOD TO BE "MINIMUM TIME"  
AIRCRAFT.)

4. WE FULLY APPRECIATE MAJOR POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN  
SUPPLYING REHABILITATED F5ES TO ROK, PARTICULARLY AT  
THIS TIME, AND WE ARE SEEKING WAYS TO MITIGATE THE  
POLITICAL IMPACT.

5. EXECUTION MESSAGE ON TRANSFER OF F-5'S WILL BE  
SENT SEPTEL.

6. THIS MESSAGE SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO OUTSIDE  
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